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Art Unit 2872

Response after Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review

The following amendment to the specification is requested:

Paragraph 13 to be replaced with the paragraph below.

To this end in accordance with the invention the device may be characterized as an optical isolator, attenuator, circulator or switch comprising a first combination of birefringent prisms with parallel optic axes for dividing an optical input beam into polarized beams, a second combination of birefringent prisms with parallel optic axes for combining polarized beams into an output beam, and a polarization changer disposed between said first combination of birefringent prisms and said second combination of birefringent prisms, wherein each birefringent prism of each said combination of birefringent prisms has oblique input and output faces.

Yours sincerely,



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